

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the Abstract of the disclosure as including more than 150 words; restricts claims 13-20 and 33-38 (Group I) under 35 U.S.C § 121 as allegedly drawn to fault recovery, classified in class 370, subclass 217; restricts claims 39-94 (Group II) under 35 U.S.C § 121 as allegedly drawn to verifying network operation by transmitting test signal and observe the result of the test signal, classified in class 370, subclass 241; restricts claims 21-23 (Group III) under 35 U.S.C § 121 as allegedly drawn to multilayer protocol processing, classified in class 370, subclass 469; and restricts claims 95-111 (Group IV) under 35 U.S.C § 121 as allegedly drawn to network parameters configuration, classified in class 370, subclass 254. In particular, the Examiner alleges that the inventions in Groups I, II, III, and IV are distinct from each other.

By way of the present amendment, Applicant amends the Abstract to improve form. No new matter has been added by way of the present amendment.

The Abstract stands objected as including more than 150 words. Applicant provides a replacement Abstract on a separate sheet herewith to address the Examiner's concerns. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the Abstract be reconsidered and withdrawn.

With respect to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects claims 13-20 and 33-38 without traverse.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Replacement Abstract